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CHARLESTON, IL--Sharon Bray is the activities editor of The Daily Eastern News, the student newspaper of Eastern Illinois University.

Sharon, daughter of Cecil and Barbara Steele of R.R. #1, Oakwood, is a 1980 graduate of Oakwood High School and attended Danville Area Community College (DACC) for one year. She is a journalism major at EIU.

A junior, Sharon said she picked journalism for her career because "it is never boring, I get to meet people and perform a public service by keeping the public informed."

Sharon said her career goal is to be an education reporter on a mid-sized or metropolitan newspaper.

She began her collegiate journalism career as assistant editor-in-chief of DACC's newspaper, The Campus Courier. After one semester, she was promoted to editor-in-chief.

Moving to EIU, Sharon became editor-in-chief of the Eastern Illinois High School Press Association's newsletter, the Panther Cub Crier, and a reporter on the campus staff of the News.

After one year as a News reporter, she was promoted to assistant campus editor and assistant night editor. In January she was moved up to her current position of activities editor and night editor.

As activities editor, Sharon manages a staff of about a dozen reporters, assigning and editing their stories for publication.

Sharon is also a member of the Society for Collegiate Journalists, an honorary organization for college journalism students who have shown talent and desire to achieve through their work on one of EIU's publications.

She is also a member of the Tarble Arts Center Membership Committee, which solicits funds to help support the Tarble Arts Center, an art gallery located on the EIU campus.

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Sharon Bray

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The Daily Eastern News has won many awards, including an All-American rating from The Associated Collegiate Press every year since 1973 and was recently chosen as one of five finalists for ACP's coveted Pacemaker Award, which recognizes the best college newspaper in the country.

The Journalism Department, which sponsors the News, recently received national accreditation from the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications for excellence in their curriculum and student activities. Eastern became one of only 85 schools in the nation to be accredited out of approximately 300 schools which have journalism majors.